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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A
REVITALIZED UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

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1. DURING PREPCOM FIVE, THE INDIAN DEL INTRODUCED A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEW MULTILATERAL DELIBERATIVE BODY BY RECONVENING THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION (UNDC) "UNDER APPROPRIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE". PER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA 6 REFTTEL, USDEL DID NOT DISPLAY ENTHUSIASM FOR THE INDIAN PROPOSAL BUT WAITED TO SEE IF THE INDIAN PROPOSAL WOULD GAIN STRONG SUPPORT.

2. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THE INDIAN PROPOSAL TO REVITALIZE THE UNDC NOW HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATES. FURTHERMORE, WHILE THE
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SOVIETS AND EE BLOC COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO BRACKETTED THIS PARAGRAPH OF THE MACHINERY SECTION, THE BARTON GROUP HAS BEEN ALONE IN ACTIVELY OPPOSING THIS PROPOSAL.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE BARTON GROUP (UK, AUSTRALIA, AND NORWAY) HAVE MET WITH DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NON-

ALIGNED STATES (INDIA, SRI LANKA AND YUGOSLAVIA) TO
SEE IF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS OF REFERENCE COULD BE
DEVELOPED. (TEXT AGREED AD REFERENDUM AMONG DELEGATIONS
MENTIONED ABOVE CONTAINED PARA 7 BELOW.)

4. THE BARTON GROUP INITIALLY FELT THAT THE INDIAN
PROPOSAL, WITHOUT TERMS OF REFERENCE, WAS TOO VAGUE AND
GENERAL TO WARRANT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION; HOWEVER, ONCE
IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE NON-ALIGNED SUPPORTED THE UNDC
IDEA, BARTON GROUP MEMBERS, EXCEPT FOR THE US,
AGREED TO ASSIST THE INDIANS AND OTHER DESIGNATED REPS
OF THE NON-ALIGNED IN DRAWING UP TERMS OF REFERENCE.
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF US DEL, IT WAS THE INDIAN'S RESPON-
SIBILITY TO ELABORATE AND SUBSTANTIATE UNDC
PROPOSAL, RATHER THAN THE WEST'S. USDELOFF ATTENDED
THE INFORMAL DRAFTING SESSION ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR A REVITALIZED UNDC, BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY
IN NEGOTIATION OF THE TEXT.

5. IN GENERAL, THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE BELOW APPEAR
TO BE ACCEPTABLE. PARA 1 MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS UNDC
WOULD BE A DELIBERATIVE BODY ONLY AND A SUCCESSOR TO
THE ORIGINAL UNDC WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AS A NEGOTIATING
BODY. PARA 2 MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD
BE SUBORDINATE TO THE UNGA AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO
NEGOTIATING RESPONSIBILITIES WHATSOEVER. USDEL BELIEVES
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THE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE SUFFICIENTLY RESTRIC-
TIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE UNDC CANNOT, AT SOME FUTURE TIME,
USURP ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
NEGOTIATING MECHANISM--THIS HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY US
CONCERN REGARDING THE REVITALIZATION OF THE UNDC.

6. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, DELEGATION INTENDS
TO SUPPORT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR UNDC ALONG LINES OF
LANGUAGE BELOW.

7. TEXT OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR UNDC:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. ESTABLISHES, AS SUCCESSOR TO THE COM-
MISSION ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 502(VI),
A DISARMAMENT COMMISSION COMPOSED OF ALL MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS.

2. DECIDES THAT

(A) THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION SHALL BE A DELIBERATIVE

BODY, SUBORDINATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE FUNCTIONS OF WHICH SHALL BE TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND TO FOLLOW UP THE RELEVANT DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT. THE COMMISSION COULD ALSO ELABORATE ELEMENTS TO BE RECOMMENDED THROUGH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE NEGOTIATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF DISARMAMENT BY THE NEGOTIATING BODY.

(B) THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION SHALL FUNCTION UNDER THE RULES OF PROCEDURE RELATING TO COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS THE COMMISSION SHALL DEEM NECESSARY AND SHALL MAKE EVERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT, IN SO FAR AS IS POSSIBLE, DECISIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

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SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT WILL
SUBMIT FOR THE CONSIDERATION KOF THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
A REPORT ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. IN 1979 THE DISARMA-
MENT COMMISSION SHALL MEET FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING
FOUR WEEKS, THE DATES TO BE DECIDED AT THE 33RD GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO FURNISH SUCH
EXPERTS, STAFF AND SERVICES AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE
EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S FUNCTIONS.

END TEXT. LEONARD

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